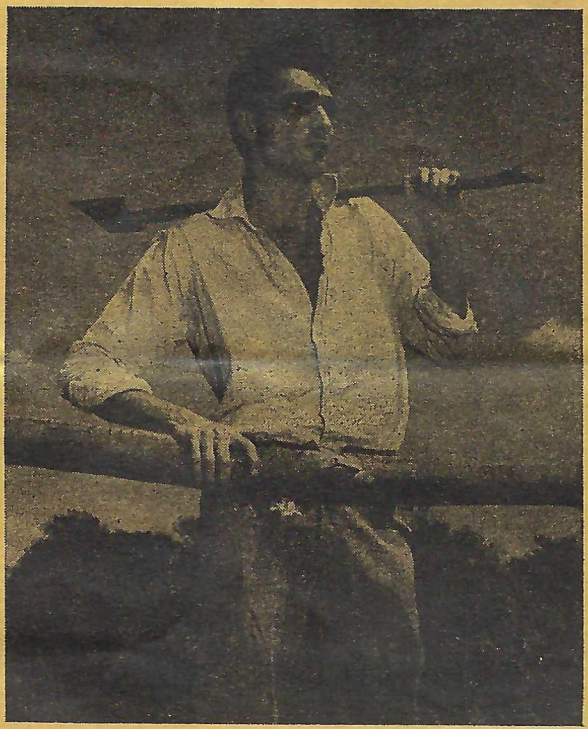
ARTHUR PETERSON JR.
presents

"Prologue To Glory"

by

E. P. CONKLE

Under The Auspicies of
THE NEW SALEM LINCOLN LEAGUE



Directed by
MINNIE GALATZER

Kelso Hollow Theatre

NEW SALEM STATE PARK

June 21 through August 12, 1954
August 31 though Labor Day, September 6, 1954

Curtain Time — 7:45 Daylight Saving Time

"Prologue To Glory"

The play is set in and about New Salem, Illinois, around the year 1831.

ACT I

Scene I: A blackberry thicket near Tom Lincoln's farm
Scene II: The main street of New Salem some weeks later.

Intermission

ACT II

Scene I: The interior of Denton Offut's store 5 months later.
Scene II: The interior of the Forum Club's cabin meeting place the next night.
Scene III: The lawn behind Rutledge's Inn a month later.

Intermission

ACT III

Scene I: Outside a blacksmith's shop at Petersburg.
Scene II: Interior of Rutledge's Inn a few days later.
Scene III: The porch at Bowlin Green's.

NOTE: This play makes no attempt to be true in all its historical details; it attempts, rather, to be true to the spirit of the time and the leading character.

ABOUT THE PRODUCER

Arthur Peterson Jr., veteran actor-producer of Chicago was starred as Dr. John Rutledge in NBC'S "The Guiding Light", Doc Gibb on NBC-TV'S "Hawkins Falls", is associate director of Actors Company of Chicago, where he played a record breaking run of 80 performances in "King Lear". He has recently been seen in leading character roles at Evanston's Showcase Theatre adjacent to Chicago.

ABOUT THE DIRECTOR

Minnie Galatzer, the director, created Actors Company of Chicago and has directed 143 stage productions which include Chicago premieres of "Children's Hour", "The Moon Is Down", "Guest In The House" and "Home Of The Brave". Her direction of these, in addition to classic dramas, has won her national critical acclaim.

CAST OF CHARACTERS

Abe Lincoln	Del Yarnell
Denny	Earl Karn
Tom Lincoln	Tedd Tassell
Denton Offut	Fred Cherye
Sarah Lincoln	Dorothy Golden
Dr. Allen	Preston Tuttle
Dave Vance	Nick Vanous
Ann Rutledge	Patricia Matthews
Squire Bowlin Green	Art Kassul
Jack Armstrong	Paul Bowers
Mrs. Hankins	Phyllis Bowers
Aunt Polly Green	Ann Heekin
Jack Kelso	Edward Wyatt
David Rutledge	Bill Klaskin
Mrs. Rutledge	Nanette Lawrence
Colonel Rutledge	Edward Wyatt
Henry Onstott	Carl Stohn
Granny Rutledge	Eleanor Merriam
Judge Higgins	Ray Hilton
Stranger	Tedd Tassell
Citizens of New Salem	Darwin Apel, Carl Fredericks, Neal Claussen, Ray Hilton, Virginia Nickerson Winifred Nisson, Louise Smith
Clary Grove Boys	Larry Cassidy, Bill Klaskin, Paul Mueller, John Vice, Tedd Tassell
Citizens of Petersburg	Darwin Apel, Don Bailey, Paul Bowers, Fred Cherye, Ray Hilton, Bill Klaskin, George Spelvin, Paul Mueller, Tony Reverse

PRODUCTION STAFF

Consultant Designer	Harold Aleshire
Technical Director	Fred Cherye
Stage Manager	Carl Stohn
Lighting	Paul Bowers
Costumes	Gerrie Cherye
Properties	Don Bailey, Nanette Lawrence
Music Director	Neal Claussen

PRESS RELATIONS

Director	Marda Alexander
Springfield Consultant	Mary Bremmer
Company Representative	Phyllis Bowers
Field Representative	Virginia Nickerson

NEW SALEM LINCOLN LEAGUE

Twenty years after Lincoln's death no vestige remained of the Illinois village where he spent six of his most formative years. Yet if Lincoln were to return to New Salem today, he would see the frontier settlement almost as he left it in 1837.

The first objective step in the restoration of the village occured in 1906 when the sixty acre tract comprising the original town site was purchased for $11,000 by William Randolph Hearst, and presented to the Old Salem Chautauqua Association. In 1918, with Mr. Hearst's permission, the Association deeded the property to the State of Illinois. The New Salem Lincoln League of Petersburg, a new organization, was formed for the definite purpose of restoring the town to the appearance it had in the day when Abraham Lincoln walked its winding street. The League erected replicas of cabins, marked roads and trails, and carried on extensive research. In 1919, the Illinois General Assembly accepted the site as a State Park. The New Salem Lincoln League was later commissioned by the State to provide the furnishings of the restored cabins.

The current sponsorship of "PROLOGUE TO GLORY", and the previous presentations since 1951, adds to the League's many contributions toward the appreciation of Lincoln, the man, during his years in New Salem.

LEAGUE OFFICERS

E. S. Mitchell	President
E. Q. Irwin	Vice-President
Roy Robbins	Secretary
Ralph Dobson	Treasurer
Mrs. H. E. Pond	Historian

Initial expense of this production underwritten by guarantees of Petersburg business men and other interested persons.